



# Prepositions

**Prepositions** are words that introduce prepositional phrases. They can show position or direction, or they can show some other relationship between the words in a sentence. (Also see pages 416 and 418.)

Our cats do what they please in our house.

## 594.1 Prepositional Phrases

Prepositional phrases include a preposition, the object of the preposition (a noun or pronoun that comes after the preposition), and any words that modify the object.

**Jo-Jo sneaks toward the gerbil cage.** (*Toward* is the preposition, and *cage* is the object of the preposition. *The* and *gerbil* modify *cage*.)

**Smacker watches from the desk drawer and then ducks inside it.** (The noun *drawer* is the object of the preposition *from*, and the pronoun *it* is the object of the preposition *inside*.)

**NOTE:** If a word found in the list of prepositions has no object in a sentence, then it is not a preposition in that sentence. It could be an adverb or a conjunction.

## Common Prepositions

aboard	around	but	into	over	until
about	at	by	like	past	up
above	before	down	near	since	up to
across	behind	during	of	through	upon
across from	below	except	off	throughout	with
after	beneath	except for	on	till	within
against	beside	for	on top of	to	without
along	besides	from	onto	toward	
along with	between	in	out	under	
among	beyond	inside	outside	underneath	